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SUBJ : VISIT OF DR. WARREN GIESE

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1. FORWARDING SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO ENELI VIA COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM, BUT SINCE PHONE, CABLE COMMUNICATIONS WITH ENUGU OFTEN DIFFICULT, WILL ADVISE ENELI'S RESPONSE WHEN RECEIVED.

2. FMG TODAY TERMINATED APPOINTMENTS(SACKED) THIRTY FOUR NATIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION(NSC) SENIOR AND JUNIOR OFFICIALS/COACHES INCLUDING DIRECTOR OF SPORTS JERRY ENYEAZU AND NSC SECRETARY ABRAHAM ORDIA. ALTHOUGH NOT CERTAIN WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, THIS ACTION LIKELY HAVE ON ECS EXCHANGE PROGRAM, NSC CHIEF NATIONAL COACH AWOTURE ELEYAE, (FRIEND OF USIS OFFICERS WHO SEEMED ESCAPE TODAY'S PURGE), INFORMED US "I SEE POSITIVE BENEFITS IN GIESE VISIT SOON BECAUSE ALL OFFICIALS LIKELY BE IN COUNTRY, THOUGH I'M SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL ANY FIRM COMMITMENTS CAN BE MADE SINCE NEW LINES OF AUTHORITY, POLICIES (INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS) AT NSC AND BETWEEN NSC AND STATE SPORTS COUNCILS ARE UNDER REVIEW." ELEYAE ALSO CONFIRMED A) ENELI STILL ECS DIRECTOR OF SPORTS AND EXPECTED ACCOMPANY SOCCER TEAM TO LAGOS SEPT. 27 AND B) HE WILL ADVISE ENELI CONTACT USIS OFFICIALS OVER WEEKEND TO DISCUSS GIESE PROPOSED VISIT.

3. ALTHOUGH MISSION STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSED EXCHANGE PROGRAM,

AS FOLLOWUP '74 LAGOS REGIONAL TRACK AND FIELD CLINIC SUGGEST GIESE

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MIGHT CONSIDER POSTPONING VISIT UNTIL NEW OFFICIALS NAMED AND NEW

POLICIES CLARIFIED. HOWEVER, WILL ADVISE RESULTS WEEKEND MEETING
WITH ENELI ASAP.
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